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In re Application of:

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For: SECURITY LABEL AND METHOD FOR THE

PRODUCTION THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 30, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 30, 2009 in the above application.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

An English language translation of the priority document DE 103 16 771.4, along with a statement that the translation is accurate, are concurrently filed herewith.